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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 7249**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1422

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 8, 2007

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Homeland Security Foundation.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Herrell

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
DEDICATED  
FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill adds six voting members to the Indiana Homeland Security Foundation. It provides that one legislator from each caucus serves as a nonvoting, advisory member. The bill permits an advisory member to serve as chair of the foundation. It requires the foundation to adopt rules establishing criteria for awarding grants from the Indiana Homeland Security Fund. It adds the following nonvoting members to the Counterterrorism and Security Council: (1) The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives. (2) the Minority Leader of the Senate.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2007.

**Explanation of State Expenditures: Homeland Security Foundation:** The six new members of the Foundation are the executive director of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS); the State Fire Marshal; the Building Law Compliance Officer; a DHS employee who has emergency management experience; a DHS employee who has expertise in the provision of emergency medical services; and an additional member representing an Indiana Congressional district. Foundation members are not paid a per diem or expenses associated with travel. Adding members who are state employees should result in no fiscal impact.

The Foundation met twice in CY 2006. The Foundation's expenses are paid from the Indiana Homeland Security Fund.

**Indiana Homeland Security Fund Grants:** In addition to current responsibilities, the foundation must adopt rules governing the distribution of money from the fund. The DHS provides administrative services to the Foundation. The DHS should be able to adopt rules given its existing resources.

**Background:** The grants provide funding for state and local public safety projects that use equipment and technologies to increase interoperability among the fire service, law enforcement, and emergency medical service communities. Grants are not be awarded for more than \$4,000 per project unless the project benefits the entire state or a multi-county region. Projects considered for funding include personal protective equipment for emergency responders, equipment used by emergency responders, and training for emergency responders. In 2006, the Foundation awarded \$474,000 in grants.

**Counterterrorism Council:** The bill adds the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives or designee and the Minority Leader of the Senate or designee to the Counterterrorism Council. The Council met about 7 times in 2006. Costs for a legislator equaled about \$2,000 for travel and per diem and related expenses. Adding two legislators would cost an estimated \$4,000. Legislators are paid through Legislative Services Agency (LSA) by state General Fund appropriations.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:** *Indiana Homeland Security Fund Grants:* The bill provides that the foundation must adopt rules governing the distribution of money from the fund. The new rules could impact revenues distributed to local units.

**State Agencies Affected:** DHS; LSA.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Entities involved in Fire Service, Law Enforcement, and Emergency Medical Service.

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